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VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 8 TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE IN CALIFORNIA.

DIALYSIS CORPORATIONS CUT CORNERS AND ENDANGER PATIENTS

Patients with kidney failure generally undergo dialysis three times a week, where their blood is removed, cleaned and put back in their bodies. Patients and caregivers report unsafe conditions at dialysis clinics, including short-staffing and poor sanitation and hygiene, which puts them at risk of life-threatening infections.

"When I started dialysis, I didn't expect I'd have to worry about the clinic that's supposed to keep me healthy.

I've seen bugs crawling in between the plastic that covers the light fixtures in the ceiling.

I've had to call the health department many times to report roaches, bloodstains, and lack of adequate cleaning."

Tangi Foster, Dialysis Patient

Visit www.YesOn8.com to read firsthand accounts from Dialysis patients.

DIALYSIS CORPORATIONS MAKE HUGE PROFITS AT PATIENTS' EXPENSE

For-profit dialysis corporations make billions in profits while clinics in vulnerable communities are run-down, with no doctor on site at times.

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PROP 8 pushes dialysis corporations to invest some of those profits to improve patient care, which is especially needed in low-income communities.

## OVERCHARGING DRIVES UP THE COST FOR ALL OF US

Dialysis corporations mark up the cost of care for some patients by 350%, an expense absorbed by insurance companies and passed on to policyholders throughout California.

Their high prices make healthcare more expensive for all of us.

The California Democratic Party, veterans, healthcare advocates and religious leaders all support YES ON PROP 8.

It's time Dialysis corporations prioritize patient care, not their profits.

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